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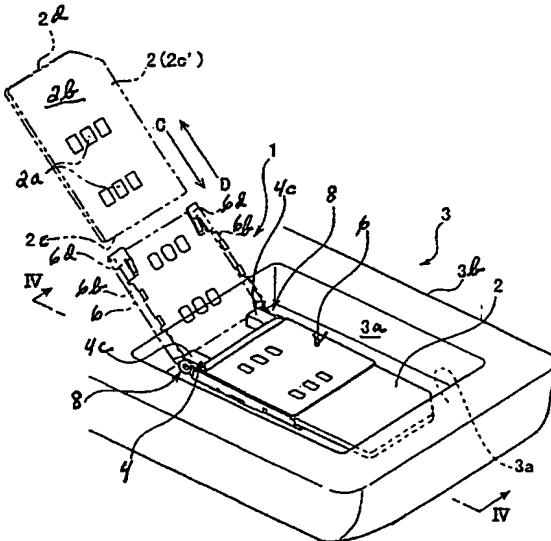
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(57) Abstract: A memory card connector is provided for receiving a memory card having a plurality of conductive contacts. The connector includes an insulating housing mounting a plurality of conductive terminals. A cover has a receptacle for receiving the memory card. A pivot-detent mechanism is operatively associated between the cover and the housing and movably mounts the cover to the housing. The mechanism includes a pivot device engageable between the cover and the housing to mount the cover for pivotal movement between an open position to allow the memory card to be received on the cover and a closed position bringing the contacts of the memory card into engagement with the terminals on the housing. The mechanism includes a detent device engageable between the cover and the housing to allow the cover to slidably move from the closed position to a latched position. A portion of the pivot device provides a dual function of forming a portion of the detent device.



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